AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for removing snow comprising a housing for collecting snow to be removed, a powered impeller for receiving snow from a front opening of the housing and projecting the snow upwardly, a discharge chute at a rear of the housing for receiving the snow from the impeller and providing a passage for the snow to an outer end of the chute, said discharge chute having a base section mounted adjacent the impeller, and an upper chute section pivotally mounted to an upper end of the base chute section about a generally horizontal pivot at a forward side of the base chute section, the base chute section upper end being spaced above the housing, said upper chute section forming an extension of the base chute section in a working position, and being foldable downwardly about the pivot to be substantially in registry with the base chute section, with an outer end of the upper chute section being below an upper edge of the housing, and a support saddle on the upper chute section that engages ~~a~~an upper edge portion of the housing when the upper chute section is in a downwardly folded position for storage.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support saddle is mounted onto a movable strut that is pivotally mounted to the upper chute section, and the strut having an end supportable on the base chute section when the ~~outer~~upper chute section is in the working position.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, and a spring for providing a force urging the upper chute section to seat on the base chute section when in the working position, and said spring being attached between the base chute section and the upper chute section such that the line of force of the spring goes over center relative to the horizontal pivot as the upper chute

section folds to the folded position for storage whereby the spring exerts a force urging an outer end of the upper chute section toward the impeller.

Claim 4 has been canceled with this amendment.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said strut is pivotally mounted to the upper chute section, and has an opposite end, a bracket on said base chute section, and said opposite end of said strut being attachable to the bracket on the base chute section with the upper chute section in its working position.

6. (currently amended) A powered snow blower having a forward facing inlet, a discharge chute for receiving snow projected by the snow blower, and directing the snow to a discharge end, ~~.~~ ~~T~~the discharge chute having a base chute section mounted on a rear portion of the snow blower, and an upper chute section having the discharge end and being pivotally mounted to an upper end of the base chute section about a generally horizontal pivot at a forward side of the discharge chute, the upper chute section being foldable forwardly to overlie the forward facing inlet so the ~~discharging~~discharge end extends downwardly and is adjacent a support surface for the snow blower, and is supported on an upper forward edge portion of the snow blower.

7. (currently amended) The snow blower of claim 6, and a strut pivotally mounted to the upper chute section, and the strut having an end supportable on the base chute section when the ~~outer~~upper chute section is in a working position to hold the upper chute section in the working position.

8. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A powered snow blower ~~of claim 6~~having a discharge chute for receiving snow projected by the blower, and

directing the snow to a discharge end, the discharge chute having a base chute section mounted on the snow blower, and an upper chute section having the discharge end and being pivotally mounted to an upper end of the base chute section about a generally horizontal pivot, the upper chute section being foldable forwardly so the discharge end is adjacent a support surface for the snow blower, and is supported on a portion of a housing of the snow blower, and a spring for providing a force urging the upper chute section to seat on the base chute section when in ~~thea~~ working position, and said spring being attached between the base chute section and the upper chute section such that ~~thea~~ line of force of the spring goes over center relative to the horizontal pivot when the upper chute section is folded with the discharge end adjacent the support surface.

9. (currently amended) A snow blower attachment for a prime mover comprising a housing having a snow feeder, a powered impeller for receiving snow from the snow feeder and ~~projection~~projecting the snow upwardly, a discharge chute at the rear of the housing for receiving the snow from the ~~immper~~impeller ~~as~~ for discharging snow at a raised position, the discharge chute including a base chute section and an upper chute section pivotally mounted together about a generally horizontal pivot at a forward side of the base chute section, said upper chute section forming an extension of the base chute section in a working position and the upper chute section being foldable downwardly about the pivot, a support bracket carried on the upper chute section that engages and is supported on ~~a~~an upper forward portion of the housing when the upper chute section is in a downwardly folded position for storage.

10. (currently amended) The snow blower attachment of claim 9, wherein said support comprises a strut that has one end pivotally

mounted to the upper chute section, said strut having a second end releasably connectable to the base chute section to support the upper chute section in a working position.

11. (original) The snow blower attachment of claim 10, wherein the strut extends from the pivot of the one end to an attachment on the base chute section below the pivotal mounting between the base chute section and upper chute section, and when the upper chute section is folded downwardly, the strut extends from the pivot of the one end to rest on the housing.

12. (currently amended) ~~The~~A snow blower of ~~claim 9~~attachment for a prime mover comprising a housing having a snow feeder, a powered impeller for receiving snow from the snow feeder and projecting the snow upwardly, a discharge chute for receiving snow from the impeller for discharging snow at a raised position, the discharge chute including a base chute section, and an upper chute section pivotally mounted together about a generally horizontal pivot, said upper chute section forming an extension of the base chute section in a working position and the upper chute section being foldable downwardly about the pivot to overlie a portion of the housing, a support bracket on the upper chute section that engages and is supported on a portion of the housing when the upper chute section is in downwardly folded position for storage, and a spring for providing a force urging the upper chute section to seat on the base chute section when in the working position, and the spring being mounted to urge the upper chute section toward the housing when the upper chute section is folded downwardly.

13. (currently amended) The snow blower of claim 11, wherein said housing has an upper edge extending between side plates, and said

strut has a support thereon that rests on the upper edge when the upper chute section is in the folded position.

14. (currently amended) A snow blower attachment for a prime mover comprising a housing having a snow feeder, a powered impeller for receiving snow from the snow feeder and projecting the snow upwardly, a discharge chute for receiving snow from the impeller for discharging snow at a raised position, the discharge chute including a base chute section and an upper chute section pivotally mounted together about a generally horizontal pivot, said upper chute section forming an extension of the base chute section in a working position and the upper chute section being foldable downwardly about the pivot to overlie a portion of the housing, a support bracket on the upper chute section that engages and is supported on a portion of the housing when the upper chute section is in downwardly folded position for storage, said support comprising a strut that has one end pivotally mounted to the upper chute section, said strut having a second end connectable to the base chute section to support the upper chute section in a working position, the strut extending from the pivot of the one end to an attachment on the base chute section below the pivotal mounting between the base chute section and upper chute section, and when the upper chute section is folded downwardly, the strut extending from the pivot of the one end to the rest of the housing, ~~The apparatus of claim 11, wherein~~ said strut second end ~~has~~having a bracket that is adjustable along ~~the~~an axis of the strut, said bracket being releasably attachable to the base chute section with the upper chute section in its working position.